

EVALUATION & REDUCTION OF LEAD-BASED PAINT HAZARDS

The City of Cambridge's comprehensive deleading program funded under the federal Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program will assist property owners in de-leading up to 60 housing units during the course of the year. The program provides assistance to property owners who rent to very low and low-income families by arranging inspections and abatement; relocating families during deleading; testing children under the age of six for elevated blood lead levels and providing medical follow-up; and by reimbursing the full cost of inspections and up to \$10,000 per unit for lead hazard control. The City also provides soil testing and interim control landscaping services to address lead in soil. Broad-based community outreach and education services are employed to prevent childhood lead poisoning by raising awareness, changing behavior and connecting people with resources. Priority is given to low or very low-income families with children less than six years old. The affordability to low and very low-income families of the de-leaded units is secured through a five-year note and mortgage which specifies income and rent thresholds as well as a loan recapture provision if the affordable housing covenant is breached.